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KANSAS HEALTH POLICY AUTHORITY

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Minutes – KHPAB Meeting of June 20, 2006

Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Sandy Praeger
Arneatha Martin
Garen Cox
SRS Secretary Gary Daniels

All Remaining Board Members Present

Board Staff Present:

- Dr. Andy Allison, Deputy Director

Legal Counsel Present:

- H. Philip Elwood

Guests:

Laura Howard, SRS Deputy Secretary
Pauline Maxson, Medicalodges

Call to Order – Welcome – Introductions

- Chair Marcia Nielsen called the meeting to order, welcomed the board members and guests, and reviewed the agenda (handout).
- Chair Nielsen reported that Dr. Ray Davis' confirmation should be completed in the very near future and will keep the members apprised.
- Chair Nielsen then referred to the draft document "Legislative and External Communications Issues" (handout), which outlined processes when Board members interact with legislators, the media, and outside parties such as vendors and stakeholders. After review of the draft, a brief discussion was held; comments included: be mindful of opportunities to partner with the federal Congressional delegations; the importance of communicating Board priorities in a consistent manner; this Board is a policy-making entity and subsequently certain processes such as contracting should be delegated to the Executive Director; the outcomes for the Board should be clearly articulated.

ACTION: Dr. Nielsen will continue to work with Dr. Allison and Counsellor Elwood on the role of the Authority with these processes. The Legislative and External Communications draft will be further clarified and reviewed again at the July 18th meeting.

ACTION: Reggie Robinson, CEO with the Kansas Board of Regents will be invited to present at the July Board meeting to provide information on governance and legislative processes used by the Regents.

Updates from Dr. Andrew Allison, Deputy Director

- Review of Budget Summary. Dr. Allison briefly reviewed the budget documents (handout) with the Board. Members requested additional budget detail for future meetings to include: # of beneficiaries

served; current trends; breakout of state vs. federal dollars; outline of discretionary programs/mandatory programs; and breakout by various services.

ACTION: It was suggested to formalize a Board Finance Committee to include Dr. Allison to oversee the monthly budget reporting to the Board.

ACTION: Chair Nielsen also requested details be provided the Board on the Deficit Reduction Amendment (DRA) that would outline how to increase the capacity to draw federal dollars and explain how the waiver approval process has been shortened.

ACTION: Request was made to have a more detailed budget presentation at the July meeting to include information outlined above.

- Legislative Request for Special Studies - Dr. Allison reviewed the summary of special studies to be completed by the agency to include areas of drug rebate, consumer identification, presumptive eligibility, dental programs, and specialty hospitals licensure laws. This summary outlined the purpose of the request, implementation date, number of staff hours involved, and status of studies. Suggestions from the members included: additional context is needed regarding purpose of each study; # of staff hours seemed very conservative; studies need to be prioritized; possibly contract out the research tasks and/or partner with research staff at Kansas universities; include the cost of these studies in budget projections since no additional funding was provided to the agency.

ACTION: Additional funding resources will need to be explored and recommendations brought back to the Board. List of special studies will need to be prioritized where possible.

- Authority Resource Planning/KHHS Data Transfer - Dr. Allison presented a summary of the agency's data management objectives relating to developing a health policy agenda and providing health data to stakeholders; this summary included information on data resources, assessments of current capacity and private market, staff recommendations, steps for implementation, and finally the related financial costs. Dr. Allison will continue to provide updates the Board on this initiative.
- Town Hall Meetings in KC/Wichita/Hays - Dr. Allison reviewed the invitation letter to stakeholders and the draft agendas for the upcoming townhall meetings. Chair Nielsen and Division staff will be attending each meeting. Additionally, Dr. Nielsen asked for three members to attend each meeting; further information will be sent out to the members via email, requesting those interested in volunteering to notify Division staff by June 30th. The invitation letters will be distributed within the week; the media have been informed about these meetings; and a portion of these meetings will be devoted to public testimony as well as a question/answer session.

Report by Phil Elwood, Legal Counsel

- Conflict of Interest Policy - Counsellor Elwood reviewed the draft policy with the members; a motion was subsequently made, seconded and carried to adopt this policy. Counsellor Elwood will distribute copies of the final policy to all Board members.
- Director/Officer Liability Coverage - Counsellor Elwood reported that D/O coverage information had been received from Haake Insurance Company; however he requested a meeting with Chair Nielsen and Dr. Allison before proceeding. He recommended being more systematic in the purchasing of this service by way of developing an RFP which should include background on the agency, the role of the Board members, etc.

ACTION: A draft RFP document will be developed and shared with the Board members at the August Board meeting.

Report on Medicaid State Plan Submissions

SRS Secretary Gary Daniels reported on the public stakeholders meetings which were held week of June 19th, during which time information had been shared related to changes being made to the state plan and related waivers in areas of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Home/Community Based Services for Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (HCBS-SED). These changes will be submitted to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by June 30, 2006, in response to CMS' notification to SRS in 2004 of non-compliance concerns. He distributed several handouts which provided more detailed explanations of revisions made to the

waivers and state plan submissions; and reported that these changes have been met very positively by the stakeholders and consumers. Secretary Daniels will continue to provide regular updates to the Board members regarding the impact of these changes.

Update on Health Information Technology/Exchange (HIT/HIE)

Karen Braman, Director of Quality and Innovation, presented to the Board on the status of current Health Information Technology/Exchange (HIT/HIE) initiatives to include:

- Health Care Cost Containment Commission
- Advanced Technology ID Cards
- Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC)
- Community Health Record (CHR) Pilot Project

Executive Session

- **ACTION:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to recess for an executive session at 1:00 pm, for the Board and Counsel to discuss a personnel issue.
- The public meeting reconvened at 2:10 pm.

Report from Executive Search Subcommittee

Chair Ned Holland reported that the vacancy of the position of Executive Director had been posted on the website; that subsequent applications had been reviewed; and that the Subcommittee made the recommendation to appoint Dr. Marcia Nielsen as Executive Director to the Kansas Health Policy Authority.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed for the Board to accept this recommendation.

Dr. Nielsen will serve as Interim Executive Director, effective July 10, 2006, until such time as her appointment is confirmed by the Senate.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Connie Hubbell, currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Board, as Chair also effective July 10, 2006.

ACTION: A motion was made seconded, and passed that Dr. Andrew Allison serve as Acting Executive Director during the interim period.

Presumptive Eligibility for Children and Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination

Scott Brunner, Director of Medical Assistance Programs, provided an overview on these two new services. Presumptive Eligibility for Children allows children under age 19 to access coverage through HealthWave while formal application is process; beginning July 1, 2006, Presumptive Eligibility will begin as a pilot project, with the intent to become statewide. Presumptive Disability Determination allows a consumer to receive disability benefits through Medicaid while application for disability benefits through the Social Security Administration (SSA) is being processed; Presumptive Disability reviews for new applications will begin statewide on September 1, 2006; MediKan services will continue until March 1, 2007.

Public Comments Received By:

- Neill Hollinshead with MEDSTAT, relating to communication between vendor and agency; he encouraged an on-going balanced dialogue during the RFP process.
- Shannon Crane with Kansas Legal Services (KLS), regarding the on-going coordination between agency and KLS on the presumptive disability review process; she stated that KLS looks forward to continued service to the agency and consumers.

Next Steps for the Board

ACTION: To continue the work on establishment of formal Board Committees, Dr. Nielsen will request nominations from the members for each of these Committees: Governance and Nominating, Finance and Audit, and Human Capital/Compensation. Dr. Nielsen will select members for these committees, subject to Board approval at the July 18th meeting, according to the Board by-laws.

ACTION: Per the Board by-laws, after the Governance and Nominating Committee has been approved by the Board at the July 18th meeting, that committee will then take nominations for the Vice-Chair and Secretary positions. That committee will then recommend the slate of officers to be presented to the full Board for a vote at the August meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. The next Authority Board meeting is July 18, 2006, 8:30 to 3:30.

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